

authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1996 and 1997; to responsibly reduce the authorizations of appropriations for United States foreign assistance programs for fiscal years 1996 and 1997 (H. Rept. 104-478); and

H.R. 2202, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve deterrence of illegal immigration to the United States by increasing border patrol and investigative personnel, by increasing penalties for alien smuggling and for document fraud, by reforming exclusion and deportation law and procedures, by improving the verification system for eligibility for employment, and through other measures, to reform the legal immigration system and facilitate legal entries into the United States (H. Rept. 104-469, Part I).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designates Representative Nethercutt to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: No quorum calls or votes developed during the proceedings of the House today.

Adjournment: Met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

Committee Meetings

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY-TRAVEL EXPENDITURES

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued hearings on the Department of Energy: Travel Expenditures and Related Issues. Testimony was heard from John C. Layton, Inspector General, Department of Commerce.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 1659, Patent and Trademark Office Corporation Act of 1995; and H.R. 2553, United States Intellectual Property Organization Act of 1995. Testimony was heard from Representatives Rohrabacher and Hunter; and public witnesses.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION

Committee on National Security: Continued hearings on fiscal year 1997 national defense authorization request. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Togo D. West, Jr., Secretary of the Army; John H. Dalton, Secretary of the Navy; and Sheila E. Widnall, Secretary of the Air Force.

Hearings continue March 13.

Joint Meetings

EMPLOYMENT—UNEMPLOYMENT

Joint Economic Committee: Committee held hearings to examine the employment-unemployment situation for February, receiving testimony from Katharine G. Abraham, Commissioner, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor.

Committee recessed subject to call.

NEW PUBLIC LAW

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D149)

H.R. 2196, to amend the Stevenson-Wydler Technology Innovation Act of 1980 with respect to inventions made under cooperative research and development agreements. Signed March 7, 1996. (P.L. 104-113)

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 11 through 16, 1996

Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, Senate will consider H.R. 3019, Continuing Appropriations, 1996.

On *Tuesday*, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the conference report on H.R. 2546, D.C. Appropriations, 1996 at 2:15 p.m., to be followed by a vote to invoke cloture on the motion to proceed to the consideration of S. Res. 227, Whitewater Committee Extension.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

(Senate will recess from 12:30 p.m. until 2:15 p.m., on *Tuesday*, March 12, 1996, for respective party conferences.)

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Appropriations: March 12, Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, to hold hearings to examine international crime, terrorism, and narcotics, 10 a.m., SD-138.

March 13, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold closed hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1997 for intelligence programs, 8:30 a.m., SD-117.

Committee on Armed Services: March 12, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1997 for the Department of Defense, and the future years defense plan, 9:30 a.m., SR-222.

March 13, Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold closed and open hearings on the Department of Energy Atomic Energy Defense Programs (Nuclear Stockpile Stewardship and Management), 9:30 a.m., SR-232A.

March 13, Subcommittee on Personnel, to hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal